

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 7, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

Board Members Present: Richard J. Kirchner, Chairman
Janet G. Stanton, Selectman
David D. Macy, Selectman

Others Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator
Diane P. Roosa, Recording Secretary
Vito Valentini
Dana Bartholomew
Sheryl Lechner, Berkshire Eagle
Rick Boardman, Jr., Fire Chief
Officers and Members of Fire Department

Chairman Kirchner called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for January 24, 2005 and January 31, 2005 meeting. Selectman Stanton moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2005 and January 31, 2005 meetings, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION:

This item was put on hold at the request of Kathy Orlando who was not present.

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - Re: Request for Services for the development of a local hazard mitigation plan:

The Town Administrator read a letter received from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regarding developing a local hazard mitigation plan with municipalities at a cost of \$2,000 (matching funds) to the Town of Sheffield. After a brief discussion, it was decided to table this item until such time as the local public safety officials have had time to review the information and provide their input on the subject.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT - Peter J. Batacchi, d/b/a Pete's Sales & Service - Re: Change in underground storage tank size:

The Town Administrator presented an application received from Peter J. Batacchi, d/b/a Pete's Sales and Service for a change in underground storage tank size to 22,000 gallons. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Town Administrator would get further clarification as to whether or not the tanks have already been installed.

REQUEST FOR TUITION PAYMENTS TO HVRHS - Re: Sheri & Rene Boardman:

The Board received letters from Mr. & Mrs. Rick Boardman, requesting that the Board approve the 2005/2006 tuition for their two daughters, Sheri & Rene, to attend the Agricultural Education program at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Motion was made by Selectman Stanton to approve the request for tuition payment for Sheri Boardman to attend HVRHS in 2005/2006, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Selectman Macy to approve the request for tuition payment for Rene Boardman to attend HVRHS in 2005/2006, seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carried unanimously.

SHEFFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT - Re: Firehouse Expansion:

Rick Boardman, Chief of Sheffield Fire Department, presented a packet outlining the Fire Department's plans for an expansion of the existing Firehouse. Chief Boardman gave a brief overview of the plans and answered questions from the Board regarding the project. Dana Bartholomew (abutting landowner) was also present and informed the Board that he was willing to work with the Fire Department to do whatever he could to accommodate them in their effort for an expansion. Selectman Macy commended the Fire Department for the time, efforts and commitment they give to the Town of Sheffield as volunteers and offered his full support of the project. Selectman Stanton and Chairman Kirchner also offered support and thanks to the Fire Department.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - APPOINTMENT:

Town Administrator Weitz recommended the appointment of Peter Marks as a part-time on-call employee for the Highway Department subject to the results of his reference check and driving record. Town Administrator Weitz stated that Mr. Marks is a former employee of the Department of Public Works for the Town of Great Barrington. **Selectman Stanton moved to appoint Peter Marks as a part-time employee to the Highway Department pending the results of his reference check and driving record, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL ON AGING-DEWEY MEMORIAL HALL - Lease Renewal:

Town Administrator Weitz informed the Board that the Board of Directors of Dewey Hall have requested the presence of the Board at their meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing renewal of the lease for the Council on Aging.

PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS:

Town Administrator Weitz stated that Counsel had recommended language changes to Section V of the Personnel Policy (copy attached to file). **Selectman Stanton moved that the changes be accepted as noted, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Chairman Kirchner stated he had received a phone call from a resident with concerns about the intersection of Kellogg Road and Boardman Street and the need for a Stop sign at this location. Chairman Kirchner questioned whether or not there was a liability to the Town because there is no Stop sign there. Town Administrator Weitz stated that because Kellogg Road intersects onto Boardman Street, you are required to yield, however, a Stop sign is not required and there is no liability to the Town for not having a Stop sign.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheryl Lechner asked the Board if they anticipated a problem with the Council on Aging's lease with Dewey Hall. The Board informed her that they were not aware of any problems with renewal of the current lease with Dewey Hall.

Sheryl Lechner inquired as to whether there was any news on the Business Park. Selectman Macy informed her that to date, a couple of future tenants have presented Special Permit requests to the Planning Board.

Selectman Macy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Roosa
Recording Secretary